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Committee on Accreditation
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WE NEED YOUR INPUT on “BEST PRACTICES”

Dear Program Director,

The National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) are working cooperatively to develop a mechanism that would streamline the Advanced Level Practical (ALP) examination process. In doing so, the NREMT and CoAEMSP propose the development of a Portfolio system that would evaluate the clinical and field internship experiences of program graduates who would be eligible for national certification through the NREMT. The process, what we are calling a “best practices” model, would potentially allow for the evaluation of psychomotor skills as well as evaluation of the candidates themselves by trained preceptors. The process would be utilized by CAAHEP accredited programs in lieu of the current NREMT (ALP) examination and would likely reduce the number of skills required by program graduates to test. It should also lower the overhead and costs associated with putting on the current version of the NREMT practical examination process, however, greater emphasis will be placed on ensuring that the candidates and the program have ensured minimum entry-level competencies.

Since no formal portfolio system exists at this time and the NREMT and CoAEMSP are evaluating the potential merits of such a system, we are looking for what currently exists in the EMS educational community. Perhaps you already have such a system in place in your own program and would be willing to share the details with us as we move forward. If so, we would like to ask you to participate in the development of the “best practices” portfolio system.

If you are interested in submitting your materials or you might be interested in serving as a member of a committee that would be working on the development of such a process, we would ask that you submit a copy of your “best practices” materials with all supporting documents as well as your current curricula vitae to:

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We appreciate your consideration of this request for participation and would ask that you ***submit all materials to our office for consideration prior to December 19, 2008.*** Once the materials are collected and analyzed, we will proceed with organizing a work group to determine our next steps as we move forward. Thanks in advance for all your assistance.